

Amendments to the Specification

Page 2, **please replace the paragraph spanning line 21 through page 3, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

To solve the above-mentioned problems, inventors of the present invention ~~give~~ gave attention to improvement of compaction processibility and ensured electric insulation property among particles of the soft magnetic material powder which are made possible by using a composite powder obtained by covering at least a portion of the surface of the soft magnetic material powder with an inorganic insulating material and fusing a resin material to the surface of the inorganic insulating material and thus have accomplished the present invention.

Page 4, **please replace the paragraphs spanning lines 2-8 with the following rewritten paragraphs:**

An amorphous soft magnetic alloy may be used as the soft magnetic material powder. ~~It- This~~ is because a soft magnetic compact having a high magnetic permeability and excellent in properties such as corrosion resistance and strength can be obtained.

Further, the composite powder is ~~preferable to be~~ preferably granulated. ~~It-This~~ is because the granulated composite powder has a high filling density and high deformability.

Page 5, **please replace the paragraph spanning lines 11-20 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Using the soft magnetic composite powder of the present invention, a soft magnetic compact can be produced, for example, by a method described below. That is, the soft magnetic compact ~~is characterized to~~ can be produced by filling a die with a soft magnetic composite powder comprising a soft magnetic material powder whose surface is covered with an electrical insulating material containing at least an inorganic insulating material and a resin material fusion-bonded to the surface of the inorganic insulating material so as to partially cover the surface of the soft magnetic material powder,

pressurizing the powder for obtaining a ~~pressured~~ pressurized powder, and firing the pressurized powder for obtaining a fired body.

Page 9, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 16-25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The low ~~making~~ melting point glass is not particularly limited if it is not reacted with the soft magnetic material powder and is softened at a temperature lower than the crystallization starting temperature of the soft magnetic amorphous alloy, preferably about 550°C or lower. Examples of the glass is conventionally known low melting point glass such as lead type glass such as PbO-B₂O₃ type glass, P₂O₅ type glass, ZnO-BaO type glass, and ZnO-B₂O₃-SiO₂ type glass. It is preferably P₂O₅ type glass, which is lead-free glass and giving a low softening point. Examples of such glass to be used include those having a composition comprising P₂O₅ 60 to 80%, Al₂O₃ 10% or less, ZnO 10 to 20%, Li₂O 10% or less, and Na₂O 10% or less.

Page 13, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 13-22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The composite powder is ~~preferable to be~~ preferably granulated. If granulation is carried out, due to the effect of the partial melt fusion of the resin even in the inside of the granulated particles, the soft magnetic material powder becomes freely deformable and accordingly, large particles and small particles are densely packed and a high packing density can be maintained. Further, due to the effect of the partial melt fusion of the resin among granulated particles, deformation of the granulated particles is made possible to provide a high packing density. Consequently, the granulated composite powder is provided with a high packing density and high deformability and thus useful for powder compaction.